

Random inspection report

Care homes for adults (18-65 years)

Name:	The Court
Address:	22 Thornholme Road Sunderland SR2 7QG

The quality rating for this care home is:	three star excellent service
The rating was made on:	

A quality rating is our assessment of how well a care home, agency or scheme is meeting the needs of the people who use it. We give a quality rating following a full review of the service. We call this review a 'key' inspection.

This is a report of a **random inspection** of this care home. A random inspection is a short, focussed review of the service. Details of how to get other inspection reports for this care home, including the last key inspection report, can be found on the last page of this report.

Lead inspector:	Date:								
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Information about the care home

Name of care home:	The Court
Address:	22 Thornholme Road Sunderland SR2 7QG
Telephone number:	01915675264
Fax number:	
Email address:	
Provider web address:	

Name of registered provider(s):	North East Autism Society
Name of registered manager (if applicable)	
Michael John Ross	
Type of registration:	care home
Number of places registered:	3

Conditions of registration:		
Category(ies) :	Number of places (if applicable):	
	Under 65	Over 65
learning disability	3	0

Conditions of registration:									
Date of last inspection	1	6	1	2	2	0	0	8	
Brief description of the care home									
<p>The Court is a care home for 3 younger adults with Autistic Spectrum Disorder. It is owned and managed by the Tyne & Wear Autistic Society (TWAS), which operates several care and educational services for children and adults in Sunderland.</p> <p>The Court is a family-sized detached property in a quiet area near the City centre of Sunderland. It is indistinguishable from similar surrounding family houses, including the neighbouring 2 houses which are also small care homes operated by TWAS and managed by the same registered manager. The house has a short driveway and a car porch for the home vehicle. There is a small front garden and an enclosed, private back garden.</p>									

Brief description of the care home

The house has an open hallway, off which there are a comfortable main lounge, dining room and well-equipped kitchen. There is another smaller lounge leading off from the kitchen. On the first floor there are 3 generously-sized bedrooms, a bathroom, toilet, and the small staff sleep-in room.

The quality of furnishings and decoration are of a very good standard throughout the house. The house does not offer accommodation for people with mobility needs, though arrangements can be made for visitors with such needs to access the ground floor.

What we found:

An unannounced visit to the home took place on 10th May at 13:55

At the time of the visit two people who live at the home were on a lunch break from college which they attend daily. Two members of staff were on duty at the time. People said they were very happy living there at the home and the home was very comfortable. People said they were encouraged to be involved in making decisions e.g about what to eat, where to go out.

Comments from people living at the home include:

"I enjoy playing games and the home is well furnished."

"The Court is nice I like the food. I like my bedroom and the sensory room."

Comments from staff include:

"The Court provides an excellent service for the individual needs of the service user."

"The staff are good at supporting each other and at promoting the independent living skills of householders."

"The Court provides a well structured environment using a 24 hour curriculum. There is friendly and homely atmosphere."

"The Court provides high standards of care to people living at the home."

What the care home does well:

People can take as long as they need to decide if they want to live in the house.

People are asked about what they need. And a lot of information is collected before people move in to make sure their needs can be met.

The home supports people to have interesting lives and people living at the home are being introduced to new activities and experiences to help them lead more fulfilled lives.

People living at the home are supported to learn or renew self help skills to help them become more independent in aspects of every day living. The house is clean and comfortable and well maintained.

Staff help people keep in touch with their families.

There is a good level of staff training.

What they could do better:

No requirements or recommendations were made as a result of this inspection.

If you want to know what action the person responsible for this care home is taking following this report, you can contact them using the details set out on page 2.

Are there any outstanding requirements from the last inspection?

Yes

No

Outstanding statutory requirements

These are requirements that were set at the previous inspection, but have still not been met. They say what the registered person had to do to meet the Care Standards Act 2000, Regulations 2001 and the National Minimum Standards.

No.	Standard	Regulation	Requirement	Timescale for action

Requirements and recommendations from this inspection:

Immediate requirements:

These are immediate requirements that were set on the day we visited this care home. The registered person had to meet these within 48 hours.

No.	Standard	Regulation	Requirement	Timescale for action

Statutory requirements

These requirements set out what the registered person must do to meet the Care Standards Act 2000, Regulations 2001 and the National Minimum Standards. The registered person(s) must do this within the timescales we have set.

No.	Standard	Regulation	Requirement	Timescale for action

Recommendations

These recommendations are taken from the best practice described in the National Minimum Standards and the registered person(s) should consider them as a way of improving their service.

No	Refer to Standard	Good Practice Recommendations

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